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VA'S CAPITAL PLAN

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs 5-year capital construction plan, focusing on the VA's portfolio management approach and how the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process and the Enhanced-Use Leasing program play an integral role in the management of VA's portfolio, after receiving testimony from Senators Allard, Nelson of Florida, and Martinez; Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, James M. Sullivan, Deputy Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, and Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Chief and Associate Chief, Facilities Management Officer for Service Delivery, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, focusing on what effect the Older Americans Act Amendments have had on the distribution of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) funds to national and state grantees, describe the progress Labor has made in implementing the enhanced performance accountability system, and identify the challenges faced by national and state grantees in managing the SCSEP program, after receiving testimony from Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; John R. Beverly, III, Administrator, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Melinda M. Adams, Idaho Commission on Aging, Boise; Shauna O'Neil, Salt Lake County Aging Services, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Carol Salter, Easter Seals, Inc., Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 5112–5167; 1 private bill, H.R. 5168; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–388; and H. Res. 769–771 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4973, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program (H. Rept. 109–410);

H.R. 5020, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Sys-

tem, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–411);

H.R. 4411, to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–412, Pt. 1); and

Conference report to accompany H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 109–413). **Pages H1640–64, H1676**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steven T. Cherry, President, Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. **Page H1565**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2007: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for

the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. Further consideration will resume at a later date.

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H. Res. 766, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 92, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 91.

Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Cardin motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 94, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Pension Protection Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, April 5th:

Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania: H. Res. 578, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania, by a yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 95;

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Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience: H. Con. Res. 320, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, by a yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 96;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 737, to support the goals

and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 97;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic: H. Res. 556, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 98; and

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Congratulating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people: H. Con. Res. 366, to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people, by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 99.

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Spring District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 382, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 382, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 26.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 764.

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Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation: The House agreed to H. Res. 764, to recognize and honor firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation, by voice vote.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 25, 2006.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H1565.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1576–77, H1577–78, H1621, H1621–22, H1622–23, H1623, H1623–24, H1624–25, H1625. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:45 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 382, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Natwar Gamdi,

Chief Financial Officer; and Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford. Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Kim Callan, Chief of the Cost of Engineering Directory of Expertise and the Project Manager of the Independent Review Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; Department of Energy; A.J. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; and a public witness.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gregg Giddens, Director, Secure Border Initiative Office; Deborah Spero, Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection Commission; and Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DEA. Testimony was heard from Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

MILITARY, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on policy, compensation, and benefits overview. Testimony was heard